



February 2019

Newsworthy stuff,

What a wonderful two weeks we had in January. Those warm days started the grasses growing and did it ever come at an opportune time. Most everybody's pastures were wet and cold with very little feed left for the animals. That little spurt of sun brought everybody a week of pasture, while the grasses tried to grow. Any warmth in February will mean a lot toward spring feed and early hay. Keep positive thinking cause all Ag needs it.

I felt our January BBQ was a success. Pete Bussman did his usual excellent cooking and serving his famous Tri Tip beef. Donna, Shannon, and Connie did most all the work involved in having the party. This time we had chili beans rather than potato salad, (me thinking that it would be cold and wet). Guess what – it was warm and sunny. Now you know how my weather mind works.

This year we had three reps in attendance: Jerome from DLF Seed International, Gudren from Columbia River Carbonates, and Rebecca from Bar Ale Feed. All three of them talked to many people each, I hope you learned from their knowledge. As for myself I learned some of the finer points of over seeding in pastures as well as some basics for lawn seeding from Jerome. Gudren clued me in on free choice feeding of calcium in lactating animals. Not only good for cows, goats, and horses but dogs as well. Rebecca helped a lot with calf grains and substitutes for calves in the pasture base milk program. If you didn't talk to them or ask questions it's solely on you.

Also, I'm happy to report that hay and grain prices are still stable. Trucking is starting to jump around price-wise but still manageable on the 3G's side. Price of hauling is mainly a reflection of the cost of fuel. Ten to fifteen cents a gallon can add up quickly when you only get 3 ½ to 4 miles per gallon. Lord only knows I don't need a freight headache to go along with the rest of my problems.

Re: Farming and gardening, start thinking about what you want to achieve this summer. If you've got heavy soils, a little extra lime and adding a bag of soil sulfur, goes a long way. This should be watered or rained in 20 – 30 days ahead of soil prep. If your ground is O.K. just wait until work up time and add lime and chicken manure pellets as you till. Thank you, Gudren. If you are over seeding a field, let your stock tromp it down so it will contact the ground. What they eat will be inconsequential compared to the stomping good they do. That's from Jerome. May our spring be warm, nice, and favorable to all in Humboldt County.

Quotes:

“Laws control the lesser man. Right conduct controls the greater one.” Chinese Proverb

“It is not what a lawyer tells me I may do, but what humanity, reason, and justice tell me I ought to do.”
Edmund Burke

“Everything that exists in your life does so because of two things: something you did or something you didn’t do.” Albert Einstein

Joke I:

Ole (on the telephone): “Hurry, ve need an ambulance here! My vife is going to haf her baby!”

Nurse: “Calm down, sir. Is this her first baby?”

Ole (very irritated): “No... dis her husband!”

Joke II:

Ole and Lena were at a restaurant with two other couples on a triple date. The first man smiles at his date and says, “Pass the honey...Honey.”

The second man smiles at his date and says, “Pass the sugar...Sugar.”

Ole, feeling like he had to get in on the act, looks at Lena and says, “Pass da tea...Bag.”

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